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April 8, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Regional Spartina Eradication Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco: *Doug*

I am pleased to offer my support for the Conservancy's authorization of \$210,000 in funds for the preparation of the Humboldt Bay Regional Spartina Eradication Plan.

The goal of the proposed project is to develop a regional invasive cordgrass eradication plan for the Humboldt Bay, Eel River and Mad River estuaries, in order to restore and protect the native plants and wildlife of the tidal marshes in these areas.

I understand that invasive cordgrass has come to dominate an estimated 90% of salt marshes in these three adjacent estuaries and now threatens to spread to recently restored marshes. Furthermore, cordgrass in Humboldt Bay and adjacent estuaries have the potential to colonize other west coast estuaries through dispersal of its seeds by the ocean. The eradication plan will be a collaborative effort toward the protection and restoration of our marshes and estuaries and the vital biodiversity they support.

I urge the Conservancy's support for this important project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Patty Berg

PATTY BERG
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May 6, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Regional Spartina Eradication Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the preparation of the Humboldt Bay Regional Spartina Eradication Plan. I understand that this invasive dense-flowered cordgrass, has come to dominate an estimated 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. Furthermore, cordgrass in Humboldt Bay and adjacent estuaries threatens to colonize other west coast estuaries via ocean dispersal of its seeds.

In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we come together to plan for the protection and restoration of our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support.

I encourage the Conservancy to take this important step to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay, the Mad River estuary, and the Eel River estuary.

Sincerely,

Pat Wiggins
PATRICIA WIGGINS
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May 6, 2008

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Re: Support for Humboldt Bay Regional Spartina Eradication Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco,

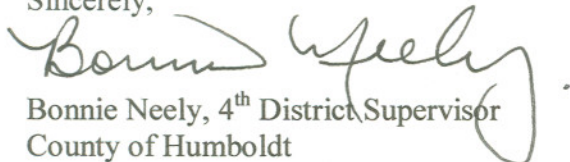
I am writing to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds for the preparation of the Humboldt Bay Regional Spartina Eradication Plan. *Spartina densiflora*, or invasive dense-flowered cordgrass, has come to dominate an estimated 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary.

Invasive cordgrass is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, and has recently been spreading from the mid-elevation marsh to the high marsh, where it threatens an even more diverse plant community that includes two rare plant species, Point Reyes bird's beak and Humboldt Bay owl's clover. Invasive cordgrass threatens to colonize newly restored marshes and to spread to the remaining marshes still dominated by indigenous plant species. Furthermore, cordgrass in Humboldt Bay and adjacent estuaries threatens to colonize other west coast estuaries via ocean dispersal of its seeds.

In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we come together to plan for the protection and restoration of our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support.

I hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay, the Mad River estuary, and the Eel River estuary.

Sincerely,

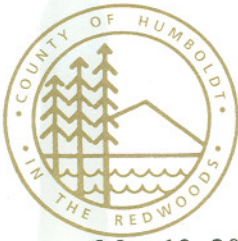

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May 13, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Invasive *Spartina* Eradication Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express support for the State Coastal Conservancy's authorization of funds for the preparation of the Humboldt Bay Regional *Spartina* Eradication Plan. The goal of this project is to develop a regional invasive cordgrass eradication plan for the Humboldt Bay, Eel River, and Mad River Estuaries, in order to restore and protect the native plant and wildlife communities of tidal marshes in these areas.

Spartina densiflora, or invasive dense-flowered cordgrass, has come to dominate an estimated 90% of salt marshes in the three adjacent estuaries of Humboldt Bay, the Eel River Delta, and the Mad River Estuary. Invasive cordgrass is known to displace native vegetation, reducing the biodiversity of the salt marsh dramatically, and has recently been spreading from the mid-elevation marsh to the high marsh, where it threatens an even more diverse plant community that includes two rare plant species, Point Reyes bird's beak and Humboldt Bay owl's clover. Invasive cordgrass threatens to colonize newly restored marshes and to spread to the remaining marshes still dominated by indigenous plant species. Furthermore, cordgrass in Humboldt Bay and adjacent estuaries threatens to colonize other west coast estuaries via ocean dispersal of its seeds.

In light of the historical loss of 90% of the wetlands in Humboldt Bay, it is critical that we come together to plan for the protection and restoration of our remaining marshes and the biodiversity they support.

The Board respectfully requests that the Conservancy take this important step to protect and restore the tidal marshes in Humboldt Bay, the Mad River estuary, and the Eel River estuary.

Sincerely,


Jill Geist, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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